

VERDUN ON FIRE, BERLIN IS TOLD

Artillery Active in Meuse Sector, but Without Infantry Movements.

FRENCH IN ARGONNE TAKE PRISONERS

Germans Attack in Region of Cote du Poivre and Douaumont and in Woevre.

London, March 25.—Verdun is in flames, according to the official statement published by the Army Headquarters in Berlin today. The statement is as follows:

"There have been no actual changes in the situation since yesterday. In the Meuse district artillery duels were especially lively, and in the course of these engagements Verdun was set on fire."

"Quite intense artillery activity," says the statement issued tonight by the War Office in Paris, "has been displayed to the west of the Meuse against our second line. To the east, in the region of Cote du Poivre and Douaumont, and in the Woevre, in the sectors of the Meuse hills, there was no infantry action during the course of the day."

"In the Argonne a surprise attack against the trenches of the enemy at Courtes Chaussees resulted in our taking some prisoners and inflicting losses on the enemy. The artillery actions have been quite violent in the sectors of Four de Paris, Courtes Chaussees and Haute Chevauchee."

"In the Woevre district there has been an artillery duel near Moulainville."

"In Belgium we bombarded the enemy trenches to the east of Boesinghe and in the neighborhood of Het Sas."

The Belgian official communication reads:

"Ordinary artillery actions have occurred along the whole of the Belgian front."

The following official statement on the campaign in the western zone was issued by the British War Office tonight:

"Last night the enemy sprang a mine near the Hohenzollern redoubt and intended one trench, but was driven out again by our bombers. To-day we bombarded the enemy's trenches near Bois Blancs and badly damaged about 300 yards of the parapet. The reply was feeble."

"The enemy artillery was active to-day near Berthouval, Neuve Chapelle, Voormezelle, Ypres and Wiltje. Our artillery retaliated."

BRITISH ON TIGRIS SURPRISE TURK POST

Enemy Airos and Guns Bombard Beleguered City.

London, March 25.—A surprise attack by British forces in Mesopotamia on March 15 resulted in the capture of a small Turkish post on the west bank of the Tigris. It was officially announced this afternoon. Bombardment of Kut-el-Amara by Turkish aircraft and artillery also is reported in the official statement, which follows:

"Our forces on the right bank of the Tigris seized a small Turkish post at Falahiyeh by a surprise attack on the night of March 15-16. Our casualties were four."

"On March 23 General Townshend reported his camp at Kut-el-Amara was bombarded by enemy aircraft and guns at intervals on March 21-23. His casualties were slight."

WAR'S FRIGHTFULNESS CAME IN MINCE PIE

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A few months ago Mrs. Bessie C. Black bought a mince pie at the delicatessen store of Bernard Rasmussen and ate a segment. That night Mrs. Black saw the German Crown Prince capture Paris, she heard shells from the huge German ordnance go screeching through the air and burst with deafening roar. Mrs. Black saw cannon to the left of her, cannon to the right of her, and all were pouring forth a deadly fire. She saw Emperor William capture General Joffre, single-handed. And then, with a regiment of Turkish soldiers, gleaming scimitars aloft, charging directly for Mrs. Black, she woke up.

Mrs. Black examined the remains of the mince pie. In it, he says, she found the war section of a morning newspaper. She is now suing Rasmussen and the American Manufacturing and Pastry Company, the alleged maker of the nightmare-producing concoction, for \$10,000 damages for the pain she suffered from eating the pie and to reimburse her for money expended for medical attendance.

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Allies' Accord Deepens As Great War Drags On

Peoples More Determined Even Than Governments to Deliver Themselves from Spectre of Renewal of Struggle Against German Dominance.

By J. L. GARVIN.

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[By Cable to The Tribune.]

London, March 25.—Events on this side are a silencing answer to yours. To cry "Peace! Peace!" when there is no peace is infinitely useless, and would be saddening to this belligerent hemisphere if it were not now so hardened to action and so little concerned with feeling. The struggle is developing still more gigantic forms, just as I have been able to predict, and the whole logic of this process of death and rebirth of Europe and Nearer Asia is such that there is no vestige of excuse for a hollow settlement, but room only for solid security.

The Allies are fighting for final relief from the German menace and a new order of things. That does not mean the crushing of the German race, but it does mean the total overthrow of German dominance and the emancipation of surrounding races from their previous condition of insecurity, inferiority and fear. These objects are, in the nature of things, hard to gain, but they are perfectly attainable, and the Allied peoples are even more determined than the Allied governments that the result shall be no uneasy respite, but a complete deliverance.

War is horrible, but the worse the horror, the deeper becomes our purpose not to have it again. In this all the Allies are in closer accord and more resolute than ever. France is firmer than before the Battle of Verdun. It had been planned, but in vain, to show that the republic was the weakest link in the chain. No one can talk lightly of an early peace who understands the elementary conditions governing the European situation. The German dynasty and the dominant war caste dare not yet contemplate any terms which the Allied governments could accept.

It is not possible that the basis of arrangements between the belligerents can yet be in sight. Among you in America I know there exist some very honest impressions to the contrary, but they are so far mistaken. Military events themselves prove that the war, so far from subsiding, is only working to its climax.

VERDUN OUT OF DANGER.

Take first the west. The French are confident that Verdun is out of danger, and whatever spasmodic attempts at demonstration may still be undertaken to conceal their chagrin, it is now history that the Germans are thoroughly beaten. To adopt a favorite phrase of their own, they have bitten granite and broken their teeth. There were two moments of anxiety. In the first few days the unparalleled batteries massed by the Germans, under cover of woods, and by the aid of light railways specially constructed during the three previous months, seemed almost irresistible. In the third week again it looked at one moment as if the enemy, contrary to all our reckoning before the battle, might possibly be able to sustain longer than the Allies the obliterating tempest of shell.

In all respects, however, the Germans have been countered and out-fought. They may mass their metal in other positions, pile up ammunition anew and risk another effort, but such a policy of renewed attack would more than ever favor the Allies, who have learned much from the Battle of Verdun, and who are continually employed in strengthening their lines and perfecting all their arrangements.

So dies the last German hope of rupturing the Franco-British front between the sea and the Vosges. That the attack was authorized shows that the superior influence and the mere feverish impulse of the Kaiser and his luckless heir, the Crown Prince, are still dominant. A strong body of German military opinion undoubtedly opposed it. Above all, the Franco-British armies as a whole have not been provoked into a premature movement. They hide their own hour, choose their own direction, refuse to conform to the enemy's will and husband their reserves in the interests of their main strategical objects.

Ready for Joffre's Call.

The British army, of course, stood vigilantly to General Joffre's call, but he did not launch them into action, and preferred to show, as it were, that France could hold Verdun with one hand. In every respect, then, the blow on the Meuse has been a failure, and the year's fighting has opened ill for the Germans. They have now to turn their eyes elsewhere and in a manner that cannot surprise Tribune readers. A few weeks ago I showed that even Verdun was but the overture and that the chief act of this mighty drama was soon to open in the east. This opinion was at first held only by a minority, but it has been fully confirmed. The real German aim in the west was to draw the Allies into a premature offensive and fight them to a standstill after bloody repulses all along the line. Divisions and batteries could then be transferred by the Germans to the other side of Europe, according to the fundamental Prussian plan of manipulating their force backward and forward in the interior lines so as to grapple with each opponent in turn.

At above all, the Germans are quite well aware that their only chance to land lies in making one more attempt, and it must be a supreme attempt, to shatter Russia. The key to their problem is in this fact, and cool judges never allow their attention to be distracted from it by anything whatever that happens elsewhere. It is useless trying to fight merely a defensive war against Russia. That country is merely becoming stronger and stronger in every respect, and will reach her very maximum only at the beginning of next year, if not totally overthrown at least half disabled in the interval. This is the terrifying factor which weighs like a nightmare on the German mind. Those who know in Berlin have, therefore, waited steadily for the crowning attempt to break Russia.

The colossal duel between Teuton and Slav will dominate the next few months or I am much mistaken. When their duel is fought out the duration and the issue of the war may be closely reckoned, but not before.

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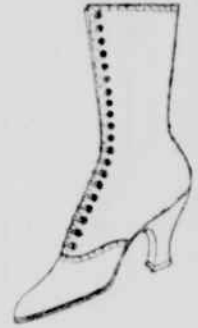
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